

DOCKET NO. 2640/1G826-US1  
(Ethicon Ref END-751)

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN BURDENED  
AND CRACKED ULTRASONICALLY TUNED BLADES**

the specification of which

[X] is attached hereto.

[ ] was filed on

Application Serial No.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

TOP 400 "HOT TOPICS"

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119
			YES NO
			YES NO
			YES NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

(Application Number)

60/241,888

(Filing Date)

October 20, 2000

Application Number)

(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.

Filing Date

Status

Application Serial No.

Filing Date

Status

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith as well as to file equivalent patent applications in countries foreign to the United States including the filing of international patent applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty: Audley A. Ciamporcero, Jr. (Reg. #26,051), Steven P. Berman (Reg. #24,772), Andrea L. Colby (Reg. #30,194), Michael Stark (Reg. #32,495), Dean L. Garner (Reg. #35,877), Matthew S. Goodwin (Reg. #32,839) Bernard E. Shay (Reg. #32,061), E. Richard Skula, (Reg. No. 31,061), William K. Wissing (Reg. No. 34,757), Verne E. Kreger, Jr., (Reg. #35,231), One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933; and

Gordon D. Coplein #19,165, William F. Dudine, Jr. #20,569, Michael J. Sweedler #19,937, S. Peter Ludwig #25,351, Paul Fields #20,298, Marc S. Gross #19,614, Joseph B. Lerch #26,936, Melvin C. Garner #26,272, Ethan Horwitz #27,646, Beverly B. Goodwin #28,417, Adda C. Gogoris #29,714, Martin E. Goldstein #20,869, Bert J. Lewen #19,407, Henry Sternberg #22,408, Peter C. Schechter #31,662, Robert Schaffer #31,194, Robert C. Sullivan, Jr. #30,499, Ira J. Levy #35,587, Joseph R. Robinson #33,448, Scott G. Lindvall #40,325, Alphonso A. Collins, #43,559, all of Darby & Darby, P.C., 805 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022

Address all telephone calls to Alphonso A. Collins, at telephone no. (212) 527-7700

Address all correspondence to Alphonso A. Collins, Darby & Darby, P.C., 805 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Inventor's Signature: A. Friedman

Allan Leslie FRIEDMAN

Name of Inventor

Date: 8/8/2001

Citizenship: South Africa

Residence: 2522 Vera Avenue, #4, Cincinnati OHIO 45237

Post Office Address: (Same as above)

Inventor's Signature: William T. Donofrio

William T. DONOFRIO

Name of Inventor

Date: August 8, 2001

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Residence: 8755 Tanagerwoods Drive, Cincinnati OHIO 45249

Post Office Address: (Same as above)